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Dear Examiner Datskovskiy:

Attached is a request for an Extension of Time to be filed with our response of January 15, 2003 to the outstanding Office Action of October 1, 2003.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this document.

Yours very truly,

John D. Harris

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On January 15, 2004 we filed a response to the Final Office Action of October 1, 2003. Applicant hereby petitions for an one month extension of time to be filed with the response.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge the required fees to our deposit account 50-1644.

Respectfully Submitted,


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